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SUBJECT: CHIAO KUAN-HUA COMMENTS ON SOUTH ASIAN AND NON-ALIGNED ISSUE

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1. SRI LANKA DCM TELLS US THAT PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO
KUAN-HUA MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS DURING A DINNER CONVERSATION
ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO AT THE SRI LANKA EMBASSY:

--DIEGO GARCIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE.
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WHILE CHINA SUPPORTS SRI LANKA'S PROPOSAL FOR
A ZONE OF PEACE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, CERTAIN
FACTS MUST BE NOTED. THE SOVIETS HAVE A GROWING
NAVAL P SENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND SO

NATURALLY THE AMERICANS ARE TAKING STEPS TO
COUNTER IT. THE ARGUMENT BEING PEDDLEZU
L SOME
FRIENDS OF THE SOVIETS, THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN PRESENCE (SOVIET) AND BASES (AMERICAN)
IS NOT VALID. AS LONG AS THE SOVIETS KEEP NAVAL
FORCES IN THE AREA, ONE CAN HARDLY EXPECT THE
AMERICANS TO LEAVE. (CHIAO AVOIDED A SPECIFIC ENDORSE-
MENT OF THE U.U2; BASE AT DIEGO GARCIA, BUT
SRI LANKANS READ HIS COMMENTS AS PRACTICALLY
THE SAME THING.)

--THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING,
BY PROXY, TO SPLIT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. SRI
LANKA AND OTHER TRULY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WILL BE
FALLING INTO A SOVIET TRAP IF THEY PERMIT DISCUSSION AT
COLOMBO OF SUCH DIVISIVE ISSUES AS THE
SPANISH SAHARA AND EAST TIMOR. THE "ASIAN
CONSENSUS" WITHIN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IS
ANOTHER SOVIET IDEA, JUST A VARIANT ON THEIR ASIAN
COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME. ONE SHOULD
BE WARY OF YUGOSLAVIA (IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
MATTERS); IT IS TOO CLOSE TO INDIA.

SINO-INDIAN NORMALIZATION
CHINA WELCOMES INDIA'S DECISION TO SEND AN
AMBASSADOR. BUT CHINA WILL NOT RELAX ITS VIGILANCE.
SINO-INDIAN NORMALIZATION NOTWITHSTANDING, IF
INDIA BULLIES ITS SOUTH ASIAN NEIGHBORS CHINA WILL BE
PROMPT TO SPEAK UP.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE THREE DAYS BEFORE
THE PRC GAVE ITS AGREEMENT FOR INDIAN AMBASSADOR. HE UNDER-
STANDS THAT AROUND THE SAME TIME THE PRC HAD INFORMED ALL OF
INDIA'S OTHER NEIGHBORS THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE GIVEN AND HAD
MADE THE ABOVE POINT ON THE PRC'S POSITION.

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3. ASKING THAT CHIAO'S COMMENT ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA BE HELD
VERY CLOSELY, SOURCE SAID HE HAD PASSED MUCH OF THE ABOVE
INFORMATION TO VARIOUS EMBASSIES IN PEKING, BUT HAD TOLD NONE
OF THEM ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR COMMENT.
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